## MEMORANDUM

May 9, 2011

TO: All Operators of Oil and Gas Facilities within the Atchafalaya Basin

FROM: James H. Welsh

**Commissioner of Conservation** 

**SUBJECT: Opening the Morganza Spillway** 

The Army Corp. of Engineers has announced the possibility of opening the Morganza Spillway. This event could take place by this weekend. This is to advise all operators of wells within the Atchafalaya Basin to immediately take any and all appropriate measures and precautions to secure well sites and production facilities within the Basin and preventative measures to avoid any releases or spills.

Any potential problems that may result from the opening of the Spillway should be reported to the Lafayette District Office at (337) 262-5777.

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